

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1-4 are allowed.

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Winn et al.  
(U.S. Patent No. 5,168,540).

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Applicants have canceled claims 5-7 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter relating to these claims in a later-filed divisional or continuing-type application. The cancellation of claims 5-7 renders all of the pending rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

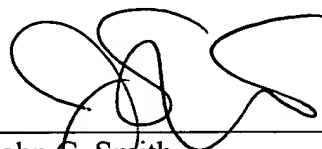
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under

37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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